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FOR NEA/AFN:TWILKINSON

E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP ESTC TS
SUBJECT: FARGO INTERNATIONAL SALE TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

REF: CASSE-WILKINSON TELCON 17 MARCH, WILKINSON-CASSE
LETTER 17 MARCH

1. REF LETTER STATES THAT FARGO WOULD TELEX MININTERIOR TO EXPLAIN DELIVERY DELAY FOR SELECTED SMITH & WESSON POLICE SPECIAL REVOLVER AND PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. EMBOFF RELAYED CONTENT REFLETTER TO MININTERIOR ON MARCH 23. ON 5 APRIL, OFFICIAL OF MINIT (PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE) AGAIN CALLED ON EMBOFF STATING THAT CONTRACT WITH FARGO SPECIFIED EIGHT MONTH DELIVERY DELAY ON S&W REVOLVERS FROM DATE CONTACT ACCEPTED BY MININT (I.D., JUNE 1976). HE ADDED THAT NO MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM FARGO FOLLIWNG MARCH 17 MEETING WITH EMBOFF.

2. OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT LETTER OF CREDIT (L/C) ON SUBJECT ORDER HAS BEEN OPENED AND THAT NEITHER SUPPLIERS NOR TOTAL AMONT OF ORDER CAN BE CHANGED. IN ADDITION, MININT HAS STANDARDIZED ON S&W AND WILL NOT ACCEPT COLT. HE STATED MININT WILLING TO ACCEPT ANY COMPARABLE S&W REVOLVER THAT CAN BE SUP-
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PLIED IN REASONABLE TIME, PARTICULARLY THEY WOULD ACCEPT ALL SHORT BARREL IF AVAILABLE, RATHER THAN MIX OF LONG AND SHORT BARREL NOW ORDERED.

3. ACCORDING TUNISIAN CUSTOMS AND TRADE REGULATIONS, PARTIAL SHIPMENT NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPTABLE.

4. REQUEST FARGO MAKE FURTHER EFFORT TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY
WITH MINIT AND WORK OUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE YESOLUTION THIS
SEEMING IMPASSE. IT IS REGRETTABLE BUT THAT ALL DEALINGS,

EVEN FOR SIMPLE COMMERICAL TRANSACTIONS, WITH MININT TAKE ON
POLITICAL OVERTONES. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE
AND OVERSIGHT IN THIS MATTER.
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